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on stamp duty or not. Therefore, it is being investigated. The complaint made by the panchayat board was only in October 1953."

Reinstatement of workers in the Photo Litho Press, Madras.

* 127 *Q.*—Sri K. P. Gopalan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state— 10-40 a.m.

(*a*) whether the management of the Photo Litho Press, Madras, was ordered by the Industrial Tribunal to reinstate 26 workers retrenched by the management; and

(*b*) if so, whether this award has been enforced either by the Government or by the management?

The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The management has not implemented the award."

Sri K. P. Gopalan :—" May I know, Sir, what action the Government are going to take regarding the non-implementation of the award? "

The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao :—" Sir, the management has been given a show cause notice why they should not be prosecuted and the workers have been advised to file claims so that any amounts due to them could be recovered as arrears of land revenue."

Issue of grazing permits to ryots.

* 128 *Q.*—Sri K. Aranganathan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the number of units for grazing permits to each and every forest is fixed; and

(*b*) whether on account of this reason ryots are often refused grazing permits for many of their cattle?

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam :—" (*a*) In the case of reserved forests the limit of permissible grazing incidence is determined and specified wherever there is a risk of over-grazing owing to an excessive cattle population in the neighbourhood. Generally the incidence is 3 acres per cow unit.

In the case of panchayat forests, grazing incidence was fixed for each forest in Saifee files of the respective panchayats. After taking over these forests by Forest department instructions were issued that until proper working plans and working schemes were prepared for them, the previous practice should be continued. The grazing incidence prescribed under panchayat management was generally one cow unit for every 2 to 3 acres.

" (*b*) In respect of forests where a grazing incidence has been fixed, permits are issued only up to the capacity of the forests on the principle of ' first-come first served.' Other cattle in the locality have to depend on private lands and patta fields."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—“ குறிப்பிட்ட காட்டில் குறிப்பிட்ட எண்ணிக்கையுள்ள ஆடுமாடுகளை மேய்ப்பதற்கு கட்டுப்படுத்தி உத்திரவிட்டிருப்பதால், அந்தக் காட்டைச் சுற்றியுள்ள இடங்களில் கட்டுப்படுத்தப்பட்ட எண்ணிக்கையைப்போல் பலமடங்கு ஆடுமாடுகள் இருப்பதால், அவைகளை மேய்ப்பதற்கு மேய்ச்சல் நிலம் இல்லாத காரணத்தால அந்தக் காட்டில் திருட்டுத்தனமாக அப்படிப்பட்ட ஆடுமாடுகளை மேய்க்கவேண்டிய நிர்ப்பந்தம் எற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆகையால வாட்சர்களும், கார்டுகளும் இவைகளை திருட்டுத்தனமாக மேய்ப்பதற்கு மற்ற காட்டுககுள்ள பர்மிட்டுகளை இந்த குறிப்பிட்ட காட்டுக்குக் கொடுப்பது அரசாங்கத்திறகு தெரியுமா ? அப்படித் தெரிந்தால் அதைத் தடுப்பதற்கும் அந்த பெர்மிட்டுகளை கட்டுப்படுத்துவதற்கும் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க அரசாங்கம் யோசிக்குமா ? ”

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—“ I have already answered, Sir, that these restrictions are imposed in the interests of preservation and regeneration of forests. I have no information about the general corrupt practices referred to by the hon. Member. But if the hon. Member would refer specific cases to me, I shall have them looked into for suitable action.”

Mishaps in Government hospitals.

* 129 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken to prevent mishaps in the Government hospitals such as the one referred to in the Hon. Minister's reply to Question No. 289 at page 836 of the official report of Madras Legislative Assembly, dated 4th April 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—“ All possible measures are being taken to prevent any mishap to children admitted for treatment, etc., in the various hospitals in the City as well as in the mufassal. The measures vary according to the needs of each institution.

The following are the important general measures taken in the matter :—

(i) Nursing staff has been definitely instructed to watch children during their wakeful and playing hours and to check up babies very frequently especially before, during and after the time when visitors come to the hospital, and they are also required to count the children and make a report about the correctness when they hand over or take over charge daily.

(ii) Whenever mothers or guardians are allowed to be near their children while in hospital, they are advised to be by their side till they are discharged.

(iii) Wherever necessary, a person is kept on duty to watch the children.

(iv) Trellis have been provided on the verandas of the children's wards to prevent children from going out.”